

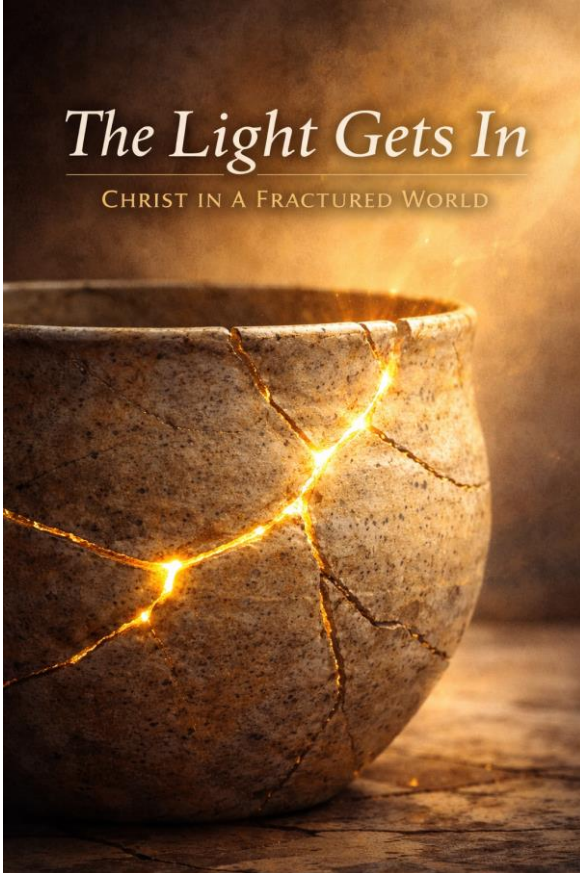
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The Light Gets In

CHRIST IN A FRACTURED WORLD

Fifth Sunday of Lent | March 22nd 2026

*Please stand as you are able

Welcome and Announcements

Trinity Chimes

Prelude

Variations on ST. AGNES (Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee)

Mark Siebert

***Call to Worship**

One: Holy Shepherd, you are our vision.

All: Even in the shadows, you lead us beside still waters.

One: When we stumble in darkness, Christ opens our eyes and offers light.

All: When we lose our way, you guide us on paths of life.

One: Come, let us walk in the light of Christ!

All: Let us worship the One who restores our sight and leads us home.

***Hymn of Praise**

60 I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath

OLD 113th

1. I'll praise my Maker while I've breath;
and when my voice is lost in death,
praise shall employ my nobler powers.
My days of praise shall ne'er be past,
while life, and thought, and being last,
or immortality endures.

2. Happy are they whose hopes rely on Israel's
God, who made the sky and earth and seas, with
all their train; whose truth forever stands secure,

who saves th' oppressed and feeds the poor,
for none shall find God's promise vain.

3. The Lord pours eye-sight on the blind;
the Lord supports the fainting mind and sends the
laboring conscience peace. God helps the stranger
in distress, the widow and the fatherless, and
grants the prisoner sweet release.

4. I'll praise my God who lends me breath;
and when my voice is lost in death,
praise shall employ my nobler powers.
My days of praise shall ne'er be past,
while life and thought, and being last,
or immortality endures.

Opening Prayer

**Be thou our vision, O God of our hearts, give
us eyes to see what you would have us
see. Give us ears to hear your call. Give us
hearts to understand your kingdom in our
midst. Be our vision, O God. Let your
presence be our Light. Amen.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**The Lord makes me lie down in green
pastures,**

leads me beside still waters,
restores my life,

**leads me in right paths
for the sake of the Lord's name.**

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,

**for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;

**you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,

**and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
as long as I live.**

Music of Preparation *Father, Forgive Us*
Craig Courtney
The Chancel Choir

Gospel Lesson

John 9:1-41

Sermon

The Light Gets In: Christ in a fractured world.

Vision

Pastor Beth Rambikur

Music of Response

Prayers of the People

Confession and Pardon

Holy Healer, we confess that we do not see the world as you do. We pass by suffering without stopping. We cling to what is comfortable rather than seeking what is true. We judge quickly and harden our hearts. Our compassion grows dim. Forgive us our narrow vision. Open us to your presence and your transforming love. Renew us with your life-giving grace that we may more faithfully walk in the way of living light in this world, following Christ. Amen.

Pastor: Hear the Good News: In Christ, we are redeemed and forgiven. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God, Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

***Passing of the Peace**

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Tell All the World About Love*

arr. Fred Bock

***Doxology**

95 Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Offertory Prayer**

***Sending Hymn 2173** *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

Refrain:

Shine, Jesus, Shine, fill this land with

the Father's glory,
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire;
flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy,
send forth your word,
Lord, and let there be light.

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence
from the shadows into your radiance;
by the blood I may enter your brightness,
search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness;
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain

**Shalom to you now, shalom my friends,
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

Postlude

Toccata

Eugene Gigout

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“I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath”

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“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Words: Graham Kendrick (2 Cor. 4:6)

“Shalom to You”

Words: Elise S Eslinger, 1980

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